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NNSA Announces \$15 Million in Grants to Minority Institutions

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) announced today that it has awarded \$15,150,000 in grants to 10 Historically Black Colleges and Universities and one Hispanic Serving Institution. The grants will help to support NNSA's national security and nonproliferation missions.

The goal of NNSA's grant program is to increase the number of minority students pursuing science and technology careers. The grants will help NNSA to establish a partnership with the next generation of creative and committed leaders who will assist NNSA in meeting its national security demands. The grants will also help to attract minority graduates for employment within NNSA.

"In order for America to remain competitive in the world, we need to continue providing the best training for our students in the science and technology fields. The support from these grants will allow minority institutions to train our future scientists, engineers and leaders," said NNSA Administrator Linton F. Brooks.

NNSA's Office of Diversity and Outreach facilitates the development and general oversight of the grant program. The office also assists with coordination between NNSA's program offices and the institutions on execution and management of the technical aspects of the program.

NNSA has awarded \$15,150,000 in awards to the following colleges and universities:

Allen University (South Carolina)

\$4,000,000

Create Science Research Infrastructure for Allen University to Promote and Implement NNSA Science Research Initiatives with High School and Undergraduate Students

Central State University (Ohio)

\$2,000,000

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Upgrade/Enhancement and Outreach, Phase II

Cheyney University of Pennsylvania (Pennsylvania)

\$500,000

Cheyney University Curriculum and Infrastructure Enhancement in STEM (CUCIES)

Claflin College (South Carolina)

\$2,000,000

Program for the Preparation of a Technologically Literate Science Workforce to Meet the Needs of the 21st Century

Florida Memorial University (Florida)

\$1,000,000

Developing an Undergraduate Research and Training Program in Radiochemistry

Lincoln University (Pennsylvania)

\$500,000

Characterization of Piezoelectric and Other Materials

Maricopa County Community College District (Arizona)

\$1,000,000

Achieving a College Education (ACE) Program

South Carolina State University (South Carolina)

\$1,000,000

Enhancement of Research, Environmental Management, and Science Curriculum

Voorhees College (South Carolina)

\$1,000,000

Lighting the Way Part II: Securing Our Future

Wilberforce University (Ohio)

\$2,000,000

Integrating Normal Networks, Expert Systems, and the Next Generation RFID Technology within the Advance Simulation and Computing Domain

Universidad del Turabo (Puerto Rico)*

\$150,000

Synthesis and Characterization of Low Refractive Index Aerogel Silica for Cherenkov Project * This grant was awarded through the Dr. Samuel P. Massie Chairs of Excellence

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